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Classroom Activities

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Secret messages embarrass the USA (Page 1)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Secret messages embarrass the USA'.

Answer questions 1-14.

1. Who set up WikiLeaks and what is its purpose?

2. Who wrote the messages that were leaked?

3. To which world newspapers has WikiLeaks given the cables?

4. What is a whistleblower?

5. Who is believed to have leaked the data, and how is it thought he obtained it?

6. What did the American government do when it knew the leaks were going to appear in the newspapers? Why did it do this?

7. Which European leaders are criticised in the leaks?

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8. Explain why some of the leaks have annoyed and embarrassed Arab countries such as Saudi Arabia.

9. Who has apologised for the leaks and what warning did she give?

10. Some people agree with the leaks. What reason do they give for their point of view?

11. Some people disagree with the leaks. What reason do they give for their point of view?

12. What other information has recently been leaked to WikiLeaks, which has embarrassed the American government?

13. In which country and why is Mr Assange wanted by the police? What does Mr Assange say about this?

14. What new secret documents does Mr Assange say he will post on the WikiLeaks website in the near future?

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400-year-old murder mystery (Page 7)

Instructions: Read the article '400-year-old murder mystery'.
Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic.		
2. Tycho Brahe was a famous astronomer.		
3. Tycho Brahe died in 1701.		
4. Tycho Brahe lost part of his nose in a duel.		
5. Rudolph the Second was a Holy Roman Emperor.		
6. Eric Brahe became a famous astronomer.		
7. Johannes Kepler worked for the king of Denmark.		
8. In the past small amounts of mercury were thought to cure certain illnesses.		
9. Tycho Brahe made his false nose out of wood.		
10. Johannes Kepler was the first person to work out exactly how the planets orbit the Sun.		

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North and South Korea attacks (Page 5)**Instructions:** Read the article 'North and South Korea attacks'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-8. Write the questions.

1. Q. _____

A. 1950 – 1953.

2. Q. _____

A. Fishing boats.

3. Q. _____

A. The USA.

4. Q. _____

A. The United Nations.

5. Q. _____

A. China.

6. Q. _____

A. De-Militarized Zone.

7. Q. _____

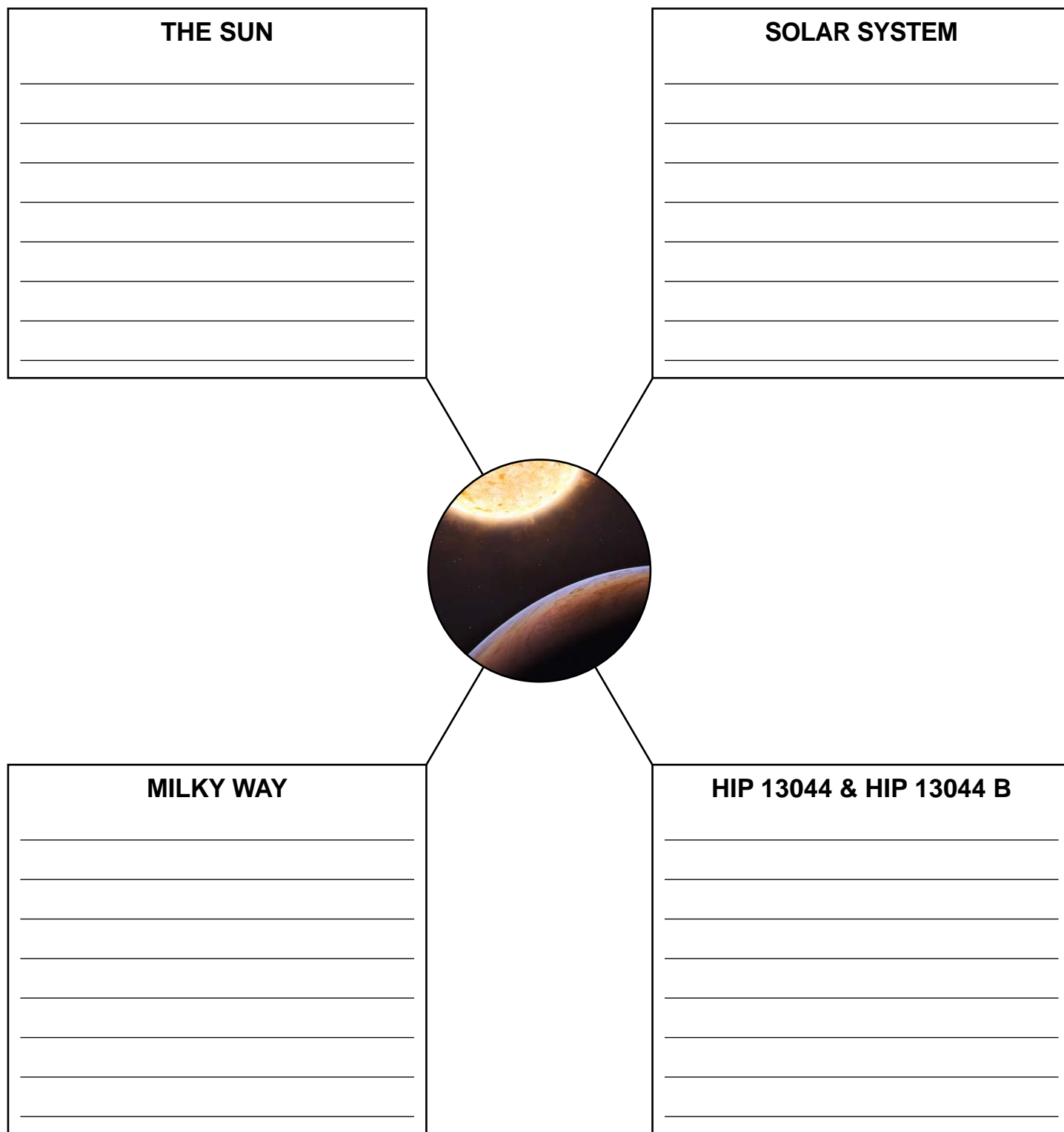
A. Northern Limit Line.

8. Q. _____

A. Yeongpyeong Island.

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Instructions: Read the article 'Planet from another galaxy' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.



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Bail-out for Ireland (Page 8)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Bail-out for Ireland'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

International Monetary Fund

Brian Cowan

Capital of Belgium

27

Number of Eurozone countries

IMF

Number of EU member countries

16

One of the PIGS

Taoiseach

Capital of Ireland

Brussels

Irish prime minister

Dublin

Word that means prime minister in Ireland

Greece

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NATO meeting (Page 5)**Instructions:** Read the article 'NATO meeting'.

Answer questions 1-7.

1. Which non-member country was invited, and who represented it at the meeting?

2. Explain why NATO is described as an alliance.

3. When and why was NATO first set up?

4. Why are troops from NATO member countries in Afghanistan?

5. What is the purpose of the missile shield and how did this change during the meeting?

6. Who took part in the second day of the meeting and why was he invited?

7. What have NATO members decided to do in 2014?

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Tiger meeting (Page 15)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Tiger meeting'.

Fill in the missing words using the word list provided.

Leaders from _____ countries attended a meeting in _____, in _____ to discuss wild _____. The summit was called the International Tiger _____.

It's thought that _____ years ago there were about _____ wild tigers in the world. Yet today only _____ are left. Several _____ of tiger have already become _____.

The prime minister of Russia, _____, hosted the forum. It was attended by all the _____ that are still home to wild tigers. These include _____

_____ and _____. The country with the most wild tigers is _____.

_____ and loss of _____ are the main _____ for the declining numbers of wild tigers. In some Asian countries such as _____ and _____, tiger _____ parts are used to make _____ medicines. These are believed to _____ people's _____.

The _____ countries have agreed to follow the _____ Tiger _____ Plan. This plan was written by the _____ Tiger _____ (GTI).

In the _____ calendar 2010 is the Year of the _____. The GTI say if its _____ is followed wild tiger numbers will have _____ by _____, the next Year of the Tiger.

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World Map (Page 12)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. LIAR **S** END

I R E L A N D

2. ANGOUT

□ □ □ □ □

3. LERICH

□ □ □ □ □

4. AMOIL

□ □ □ □

5. CABONMAID

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

6. GROUTLAPA

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

7. IHANDI

□ □ □ □ □

8. DDAACNA

□ □ □ □ □ □

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Mystery country = □ □ □ □ □ □ □ **S**

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Issue 133 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 133. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

Der Spiegel

Tonlé Sap

Tiger

NATO

Pike River Mine

2010

~~Polar bear~~

Alliance

Julian Assange

Bill Gates

New Zealand

Cambodia

Microsoft

Tonga

Bali

Marcus Crassus

Nigeria

Pacific Ocean

Javan

Pablo Picasso

WikiLeaks

Globe

Germany

Cubism

~~Arctic~~

Shakespeare

Lagos

Odd one out = _____

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Issue 29 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 133 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **How many trillion kilometres is a light year equal to?**
 - a. 4.7
 - b. 9.5
 - c. 12.3
 - d. 17.7
 - e. 20.1
2. **Which of the following countries is not a member of NATO?**
 - a. Estonia
 - b. Turkey
 - c. Hungary
 - d. Albania
 - e. Ukraine
3. **How many states are there in the USA?**
 - a. 43
 - b. 47
 - c. 50
 - d. 52
 - e. 57
4. **Which Pacific island country has just held its first fully democratic election?**
 - a. Fiji
 - b. Tonga
 - c. Vanuatu
 - d. Samoa
 - e. Hawaii
5. **How many million years ago did the dinosaurs disappear?**
 - a. 32
 - b. 48
 - c. 57
 - d. 65
 - e. 89
6. **On which modern-day country was the Parthian Empire centred?**
 - a. India
 - b. Turkey
 - c. Iran
 - d. Egypt
 - e. Iraq
7. **How many European countries are part of the Eurozone?**
 - a. 12
 - b. 16
 - c. 19
 - d. 25
 - e. 27
8. **In which European country is the prime minister known as the Taoiseach?**
 - a. Denmark
 - b. Finland
 - c. Sweden
 - d. Hungary
 - e. Ireland
9. **In which European city was the recent Tiger Summit held?**
 - a. Warsaw
 - b. St Petersburg
 - c. Rome
 - d. Berlin
 - e. Vienna
10. **Which famous astronomer was known as 'the man with the golden nose'?**
 - a. Tycho Brahe
 - b. Johannes Kepler
 - c. Galileo Galilei
 - d. Nicolaus Copernicus
 - e. Isaac Newton